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SUBJECT: ANTI-TERRORISM PACKAGE

CARACAS FOR RSO

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 0953 DATED APRIL 27, 74; STATE 097458

1. COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICAL SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POST AND VISITING RSO WERE OUTLINED IN PORT OF SPAIN 0953. ALTHOUGH COMPREHENSIVE, COST ESTIMATES ON SEVERAL ITEMS WERE NOT PROVIDED AT THAT TIME. THOSE FIRM ESTIMATES ARE NOW FORWARDED.

2. (A) PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EIGHT-FEETWROUGHT IRON PICKET FENCE ON THE PERIMETER OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR HOUSE AT THE SAME SITE WERE FORWARDED IN EMBASSY'S OM'S OF APRIL 30 AND MAY 1 TO A/FBO. COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SIMPLE GENERATOR HOUSE (MINUS INSTALLATION) IS US\$3,151.00. (ITEMS C AND F OF POS 0953).

(B) THE FIRM ESTIMATE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A THREE-FEET STEEL PICKET FENCE ON TOP OF THE NORTH AND WEST PERIMETER WALLS OF THE EMBASSY COMPOUND IS TT\$4,927 (EQUIVALENT TO US\$2,500.) THE FENCE WOULD RUN FOR APPROX. 296 RUNNING FEET, WOULD STAND THREE FEET ABOVE A SIX TO SEVEN FEET HIGH PERIMETER WALL, AND CONSIST OF WROUGHT IRON WITH 2X2 RHS POSTS SET AT TEN-FEET INTERVALS. (ITEM J.)

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(C) THE COST OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING BURGLAR-PROOFING GRILLS ON THE WINDOWS OF THE USIS LIBRARY/OFFICE BUILDING AND EMBASSY ADMIN. ANNEX WILL BE US\$2,205. (ITEM K.)

(D) THE COST OF OPENING THE GATE ENTRANCE TO THE EXISTING PERIMETER WALL AND TO CONSTRUCT A 12-FEET RAILING AND CONCRETE PATHWAY TO THE USIS ANNEX ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE COMPOUND SO AS TO PERMIT DIRECT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE USIS LIBRARY IS ESTIMATED AT US\$350. THIS ALTERATION WOULD PERMIT THE CLOSING OF ONE OF THE THREE VEHICULAR ENTRANCES, LIMITED VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND PERMIT EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF ALL ENTRANCES BY OUR LIMITED SECURITY PERSONNEL. (ITEM L.)

(E) THE COST OF ACQUISITION AND INSTALLING FLOOD LIGHTS ON THE NORTH AND WEST PERIMETER WALLS OF THE COMPOUND IS \$750. (ITEM M.)

(F) THE POST WILL BE UNABLE TO FURNISH ESTIMATES FOR ITEM I, GRILL WORK AT THE DCM RESIDENCE, PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCE AND SIGNING THAT LEASE.

3. POST IS ESPECIALLY DESIROUS OF KNOWING THE STATUS OF THESE PROPOSALS AND POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING THIS QUARTER. IN SEVERAL CASES OTHER, NON-SECURITY, ORIENTED WORK, SHOULD BE TIMED TO CONFORM TO THESE PROJECTS SO AS TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTION TO OPERATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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